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## N. R. P. A.

#### EDITORIAL NOTES.

The free coinage ghost still continues to disturb the dreams of the slumbering goldbugs.

Those who are in earnest about get ting reform will not hesitate when two evils are presented. They will choose neither.

expected.

Alliancemen in South Carolina. A number of rousing meetings are advertised in the Cotton Plant

The amount of money in circulation, according to treasury reports, was \$30, 000,000 less on May 1st, 1896, than it was on the same date last year.

Alliance talking in this county. See that he has good crowds at all his ap pointments this week, which are published elsewhere in this paper.

"Co operate to hold the present election law," say the co operationists, "on any terms." Well, wouldn't that call for perpetual co operation, and wouldn't that destroy the hope of genuine re form forever?

It takes brainy men to get up ex cuses every week to enable the com mercial agencies to explain why busi ness does not get better. "Unseason ably cool weather" was the cause given last week.

Congressman Martin, Populist, now represents the 6 h Congressional Dis trict. The Charlotte Observer will please take down its goldbug sign, as it can no longer boast that it is published in a Democratic District.

We hear very little about "unterri fied Democracy" and how Democracy will raise the roof when it gets scared. We want to ask if Da mocracy is waiting to get scared a little more before putting on its boxing gloves?

After a four years' search, the Demo crats have at last found a man who is willing to leave the People's party and return to the Democratic fold. His name is Guy and he lives in Cumberland county. After all he may be just guying them a little.

Some silver Democrats are verdant enough to believe that the Chicago Con vention will nominate a silver man for President, and that Populists will sup | ly. I am not speaking without know port him. Populists will not vote for ledge when I say that you will find, if a goldbug, nor for a man who can get you investigate it, that the silver feel goldbug support, and it is certain that ing in the West is deeper, more wide the Chicago nominee will get a part of spread and profound than the East the goldbug vote, no matter what he realizes. The platform of the New calls himself.

efforts of the Democratic press to poison in my opinion be reflected in the de the minds of the masses by constantly claration to be made by the party at asserting that the leaders of the Peo St. Louis. I look for a conservative he has than to lose them in running even go so far as to name certain men platform, and doubt very much The Gezette has spoken a parable, but want them to want office, and they there. A declaration for gold mono of the dog dropping the piece of beef want to put them in office and get metallism would complicate the issues in his mouth to rob the dog he saw in some good legislation and so forth. for us here in the West. There will the water beneath, but which was That is what the rucus is about-bless be found some common ground upon really his own shadow. You can't your sweet lives.

THE FESTIVE SILVER DEMO CRATS.

The silver Democrats-those who are kicking against the policy of their party on the financial questionsuch as Bland, Bryan, Morgan and thousands of others, and silver Republicans, too, for that matter, are regu lar "dasies." Now you see 'em, and now you don't. They are political cowards and they know it. The woods are full of them. If they ever get over the "ager" perhaps they will become good citizens, but their "ager" outlasts the Arkansas chills two to one. Now and then they will run around the herd and lead right up to the gate of decency and suddenly turn to one side, and those who have been following, still thinking their leader is ahead, are knocked senseless.

It is said that an immense steer a one of the large slaughter yards in Chicago, was trained to lead other steers to destruction by getting in front and rapidly trotting down a gang way. When he would get to a certain point he would instantly turn to the left and the other steers would rush on and be struck on the head with a gi gantic hammer, and before they could realize what was on foot they were

These political cattle remind us o the famous steer in several respects But the balance of the herd are not meeting with such luck. Most of them go through the gate, it is true, but they do not meet death, but rather life They leave the old, dirty party cattle pens and get into clean new quarters while the "leader" steers go back to their filthy quarters to stay until the stench becomes unbearable again, and then they start out to play some more of their peculiar antics.

The town of Cary ought to be wel governed. An exchange gives the city government the following representation from the various parties. Mayor, Democrat; one Commissioner, Demo crat; one Republican, one Populist, one Prohibitionist, and one mugwump.

#### VOTE FOR SOMETHING

Senator Mewborne is entirely correct in wanting to hold on to the privilege of voting. But we want more The State Dairymen's Association want to vote for something "The right Wednesday morning. A good time is the party" and like "being patriotic." The people of this country have tried to vote, either or both of the old par ties will guarantee him that-provided he votes for them -and in some com-Bro. P. H. Massey is doing some good | munities they will allow him to vote several times a day and count 'em every time. But that is a good deal like Old Nick promising that his sub weather.

It may not be out of place to remind Senator Mewborne that the Populists him and they have not forgotten what he taught them. If he doesn't mind he will be like some prominent Demo will be hunting help to put it out graphic description of the alleged (?) fusion of Democrats and Populists in this State he seemed to forget that there is a good deal more uneasiness about the danger of his landing in the names in his article.

dorsement of Sherman and Rothschilds. The Democratic nominee will ready for the grand feast to be set before them.

### INGALLS HOWLS CALAMITY.

Ex-Senator John J. Ingalls, o Kansas, was in New York recently and said to a representative of the Mail and Express:

'The people of the West will not follow New York on the money ques tion. I believe I can say that definite York Republicans would not be ac-It is real funny to watch the frantic ceptable to the West, and it will not ple's party "want office," and they expression of sentiment in the National off after "20,000 sound money men." and say they are after office. Why, whether any wild, incoherent, rabid it wont have any effect upon the sound bless your dear souls! The masses or ferocious views will be tolerated which all Republicans can stand. learn a goldbug anything

Everybody knows that these great struggles end in compromises. Each side concedes a little that leads up to a satisfactory adjustment of the mat

"I am inclined to the belief that times are as hard to day as at any peri od since the decline began. There has never been a season in Kansas when farm products were so low, land so little sought after, and the sales and ex changes of trade so few. Rents have declined, incomes have diminished and wages remain unsatisfactory and in adequate to the masses Everything in fact has shrunk except debts and taxes. They alone have a tendency to higher figures. Nobody is thriving now except the dealers in money-the syndicates and men who deal in se curities and other evidences of debt Nor do I perceive ahead of us any well defined or radical change for the bet ter. If confined in this country alone, it might be susceptible of explanation on a political basis, but an epoch of de pression, despondency and failing in dustries appear to prevail in all parts of the civilized world. The contrac tion of the circulating medium of al the great nations by the destruction of the money functions of silver is to my mind, the chief cause. I can see no other explanation of it, though I do not offer that as a solution."

Talking of Cleveland, Mr. Ingalls said: "His politics are destructive He has no constructive capacity at all He has not attempted to replace the systems he has endeavored to destroy He overthrew the tariff and destroyed our revenues. He coerced a reluctant Congress into the stoppage of the coin age of silver, and he has left our industries paralyzed and our monetary sys tem in chaos. His only method for supplying revenue and carrying on the government, is by the sale of the obligations of the country. It requires no unusual talent or ability to borrow money when you have the collateral. Yet we have never before been com pelled to resort to that method for rais ing revenue in times of peace, except when Buchapan, another Democratic President, did it, just before the re bellion."

The 52 1d Congress passed a law al lowing members of the House to em ploy clerks at \$100 per month. This will meet at Rockwell, Rowan county, to cast my ballot" is like "sticking to was understood to mean while Con gress was in session only, though it is believed that most of them got their Renewed activity is noticed among "patriotism" and "sticking to the pay whether Congress was in session party" until there are a million tramps or not. On last Friday the House and several millions more so near the passed a bill to allow clerks \$100 per "free soup" houses that they can smell month year in and year out. Some the soup. If the Senator simply wants more goldbug economy! We will give the vote next week.

### THEY ARE READY TO BOLT.

According to the New York Times Henry Hen'z Chairman of the New York Chamber of Commerce Sound jects shall never suffer from cold Money Legislative Committee, favors the getting together of all sound money men, both Democrats and Rapublicans Hen'z says he has always been a Domo of North Carolina went to school to crat, but if the Republican candidate is sound on the money question, and the Democratic candidate is at all weak, he thinks they should lay aside party crats-having set the woods afire-he lines and go for the soundest candidate. He says also that he expresses the gen When the Senator was writing his eral sentiment of leading men of both

We are glad to hear it. Let them get together. We have believed they will do this for some time, and have often said so. When he says: "Democamps of the enemy than there is crats and Republicans have no differabout the defection of the Populists he ences on the money question," we heartily concur. He tells the whole McKinley has the unqualified en and good government get together and whip them at their own game.

The secret of the whole business is have the hearty approval of Cleveland | that the goldbugs are very weak in and Rothschilds. Silver Republicans numbers when it comes to voting. They Democratic candidate to be elected, no the money question. That party will be third in the race. The real fight is between the People's party and its allies, the silver men of both old par ties, and the Republican goldbugs. and the gold men fear a test of strength and will not take the risk of dividing their forces as they have done heretofore, but will take what they think to be the strongest of the two old machines and attempt to ride into power again on it. There is fun ahead. not laughable fun, but serious fun. Lat all who believe in financial reform throw off the party yoke and get together.

The Raleigh Gazette, James H. Young's paper, says: "It is better for Chairman Holton to hold the force that forged notes benind. He was a pretty

PROTESTANTISM IN NEW YORK.

Rev. Thomas Dixon, Jr., has written a new book called "The Failure of Protestantism in New York and its Causes. The author's introductory note reads as follows:

"This little book says and proves that Protestantism is a failure in New York. Three answers have already been hurled at my head by the theological grannies in this neighborhood. 'You are an infidel!' 'You are a sensa tionalist!' 'You are a failure yourself!' Quite true, dear grannies, from your point of view. But the answers are rrelevant.

"I might be an infidel with full grown horn, hoof, and tail, and still Protest antiem be a failure in New York, or might be so supremely orthodox as to believe that Pope Leo XIII, is the scarlet woman of the Apocalypse, and that every man who differs with me in this view is a liar, a thief, a hypocrite, a brute, or a Jesuit-and still Protestantism might be a fai ure in New York.

"Then suppose I am a sensationalist. What of it? Truth is stranger than fiction, and nature more miraculous than miracle. The most sensational discoveries of this city have all been simple acts. A statement may be sen sational, and its author a prophet or a clown, a philosopher or a fool, and yet it may be a fact.

"Again, it may be true that I am failure-all the greater pity since I am a Protestant minister! This is not an answer. It is a confirmation. It is a confession. This is simply piling on the agony!"

We also quote the following, under the inquiry, "Is Protestantism growing stronger in New York?"

"Some contend that it is. Nothing could be more abourd. New York City is one of the most godless, if not the most godless city in America. Tae growth of churches and the growth of population shows that the vitality of Protestantism has declined steadily during the last forty years.

Tae following table shows the apparent gain in church membership during the last decade in leading Protestant churches?

"How long will it take these churches to take the world at this rate? Are they holding their own?

"The Baptists increased 975 during the seven years 1885 to 1892 The nor mal birth rate of their membership, 13,699, should have given an increase by birth of more than 3 500 during this period; their accessions from other Baptist churches more than balancing their death-rate. The Baptists, there fore, managed to hold about one fourth of the children born into their homes. Is this 'holding our own?'

'The Presbyterians increased 4.42 during theses even years. Their nor mal birth-rate should have given them an increase of 5 684. So our Presbyterian friends, with their enormous wealth and prestige, peculiar to New York City, massed in their 81 churches managed to hold about two thirds of the children born in their homes. In this 'holding our own?'

"The Lutherans, with 14 000 mem bers in 1885, show an actual decrease in roll of 625. Their birth rate should have given them 3 920 increase. They have children but have lost 623 of the older children. Surely this is holding our own with a vengeance.

"But these figures do not tell all the pitiable story. Every one knows, who knows anything about the history of New York churches that the roll are not kept to day as they were twenty or thirty years ago. Then church enroll ment meant a pretty accurate sum truth. Now let the friends of silver | mary of the members on the field: now some of our churches keep even the dead on their rolls, on the ground that their establishment extends over this world and the next! One of these mushroom records collapsed the other and silver Democrats may as well get see that there is no chance for the day by a fire, and out of a roll of over 4 000 there could not be found 200 matter how the nominee may stand on members! This is undoubtedly an extreme case, but it is to the point. There are actually fewer Baptists in New York to day than there were twenty years ago; there are fewer Methodists than there were twenty years ago."

### A FEW SOUND MONEY MEN.

hopelessly in debt and has been put in a receiver's hands. But it has been howling "returning prosperity" like all the rest of the liars ever since silver was demonetized.

L A. Carpenter, General Agent of a large insurance company, Jamestown, N Y, has disappeared, leaving thousands of dollars in debts and numerous fellow to prate about "honest money.

Milmine, Rodman & Co., New York, have been sued by a Chicago firm for allowing one of their customers to steal money Chairman. It is the old story money from a bank, of which he was President, and allowing the above firm to blow it in as his brokers. Pretty sound money gang, all of them.

William Durland, President of a

has failed. Total liabilities, \$50,000. Real estate assets, \$80 000 (city property.) But he couldn't real ze on the assets, even in New York, where they say money goes begging for borrowers, which, of course, is false.

The Castle Braid Company, Brookyn, N. Y, is in the hands of a receiver. It was a "sound money" concern, of

The Oregon Railway and Navigation Company, Portland, Oregon, has been put in receivers' hands owing to "good gold standard times."

The German National Bank, of Denver, has been in the hands of a receiver two years and has paid but 10 per cent. of its indebtedness. The Commercial National Bank, same city, has been in a receiver's hands for three years and has paid but 35 per cent. That is the result of the "best figancial system in for good measure. - Searchlight, Car. the world." Where is old returning sonville, Mich. prosperity?

The Bank of Fairfield, Ill, has closed its doors on account of too much returning prosperity.

The Northern Manufacturing Company, Oswego, N Y, is in the hands of a receiver. Not enough sound money is the trouble.

E Kleinanan & Co., New York clothiers, have assigned. Liabilities are all "sound."

McIver Bros., the largest mercantile firm at Sanford, N C., as igned on the 5th. Liabilities \$50,000 (sound ) They probably have enough of the gold standard business to last awhile.

T. R. Graham, a Philadelphia sound money man, has disappeared owing large amounts of money. It is "gude in Yurrip,"

H. C & D. D. Beatie, one of the old est firms in Richmond, Va., assigned last Tuesday. This is another star in the crown of the "sound money" Times and the Dispatch.

The Foster Woolen Company, Kansas City, Mo, has assigned Assets, \$25,000. Liabilities unknown.

The German-American Title Com pany, Louisville, Ky., has assigned. universal cry. Well, vote for the re-Liabilities, \$209,000; assets, \$250,000. The liabilities are supposed to be

J. L. Hudson & Co., clothing, Buffalo, N. Y., have failed.

Wayland Trask & Co., the most prominent brokers on Wall street, have failed. They robbed their victims until nothing was left but the single standard.

The Investment Trust Co, Topeka Kansas, largely controlled by Boston capitalists, has failed for a good many dollars' worth of sound liabilities.

W. Gregory, lumber dealer, Richmond, Va, assigned on the 7th. Lia bilities, \$4 900, (sound.)

The First National Bank and Lib erty Savings' Bank, both of Bedford City, Va., have succumbed to the inevitable. But Rothschilds has got his bonds all the same.

J. H. Louis, of New York, is charged with stealing from Schloss & Co., clothing dealers, for which firm he was manager. He is a sound money man G. L Schro'eder, a member of the New York Cotton Exchange, has failed for a large number of sound dollars

The London Universal Bank, London, England, has failed for a large sum, which they claim to be able to pay in full. Why didn't they pay it then? It was established in 1857

W. H. McGee, one of the wealthiest men in Bedford City, Va., has made an assignment because he couldn't pay a debt of 10 500 sound dollars—"gude in yurrip."

A shovel trust has been formed in Boston. Taey propose to reduce the output and raise the price 20 per cent. That is one of the ways to go through single standard times. But what a clamor would be raised if the farmers decide to sit down and reduce the production of all cereals and raise prices. They would be called all sorts of names But trusts are formed and the promo tors are called smart.

A dispatch brings the information that Ex Gov. Bob Taylor was nomi nated for Governor by the Tennessee State D mocratic Convention Friday. Telegram says: "The administration of Cleveland was only referred to by inference." Now that is the best ye The New York Times, the most vir By inference! Did you ever? Well, ship. Our next meeting will be held ulent champion of the goldbugs, is that beats the 1894 style of platform: We applaud him for his courageousahem-, also admire his-ahem-pon derous backbone, but d-n his admin istration."

The U. S. Treasury deficit is es

mated at \$25,162,423 for the fiscal year about to close. Treasury officials put the aggregate for the past three years at \$136,861,812. By the time Cleveland and his horde are out of office it will probably reach a total deficit of \$160,-000,000 Add to this the \$262,000,000 bonded indebtedness created and you have a grand total of \$422,000,000 which the American people will have to pay for the luxury of one goldbug administration. That is the actual tangible indebtedness without counting the billions of private loss and the worry and suffering. Do you want Riding Academy Company, New York, another administration of this sort?

#### CREAM OF THE PRESS.

Hard Hits, Bold Sayings and Patriotic Paragraphs From Reform Papers. The people should not be afraid to take hold of the government and ad. minister it. - Southern Mercury.

The gold advocates and the national bank pirates have the audacity to claim that Thomas Jefferson and An. drew Jackson were of their set. What gall!-Current Voice.

Congressman Bowers (Rep.) 8878 gold is a yellow thief. That's correct Mr. Bowers, and you ought to get out of a party that worships that kind of a thief.-People, Erie, Pa.

Four doses of bonds in two years ought to settle the hash for any party that issues them, but the "besotted tyrant" will likely issue another batch

Dunn's report gives us the cheering news that times never were so badthat there are more failures now than ever before, and no prospect of that myth, Corfilence, putting in an appearance very soon.-People's Pil t.

If some New York banks are not obliged to liquidate in a short time we miss a guess. E ther that or they will unload the large firms they are carry. ing, and even the attempt to do this will set the ball in motion.—Brockton Diamond.

The cotton mills of Rhode Island have decided to cut wages or run shorter hours at once. Another sign of restored confidence and returning prosperity. What a lying institution our daily press has turned out to be. - American En-

The soundest thing on this earth is a standard silver dollar. It has always been considered so, and it has grown into a proverb in the expression "as sound as a silver dollar. 'But our gold friends have tried to abolish it.-Progressive Age, Scottsboro, Ala.

Collections are slow. This is the tirement of goldbug Cleveland and the placing of goldbug McKinley next fall, and they will be just as slow as ever. A change in goldbugs won't help matters any.—Courier, Preston, Minn.

If the postal system was a private monopoly the weathy and powerful would have franking privileges-send their mail free-while the people would pay two to five times as much postage as they do now. This is true of every other monopoly. - Alliance Vindicator.

We favor the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1 without waiting for the action of England, or either of the old parties. We are in favor of nominating for President a man who is a Populist to the core No milk and water old partyites for us.—Silver Dollar, States boro, Ga.

The cowardice of guilt was never more forcibly shown than by Grover Cleveland at this time. He is guarded by twenty-seven body guards. He fears some harm from an outraged and betrayed people. The guilty flee when no man pursueth.-Midland, Md, Journal.

Falling prices; fluancial crashes; the cries of the starving for food; the call of the unemployed for work! Is not that the situation to-day? Gold buggery has done it. You never heard of these conditions, prolonged year after year, until you had gold buggery.-Charlestown, W. Va., Advocate, Dem.

Rothschilds have a corner on gold, and every gold using country must pay them tribute. On! for just a little of that spirit of '76 which declared and maintained "millions for defense, but not one cent for tribute." Dump the gold into the briny deep as they did the tea and be men and patriots and not menial servants and tools. - Courier, Minden, Nebraska.

### COLUMBUS COUNTY MEETING.

Correspondence of The Progressive Farmer.

I will give you some facts from Col umbus County Alliance. Our last meet ing was held with Hebron Alliance had a very harmonious meeting. Dr. J. F. Harrell gave us a good talk and Bro. Wyche gave us some encouragement on how to increase our member with Peacock Alliance and it was resolved to invite Bro. Marion Butler to address us at our next meeting in July.

Yours fraternally, J. R BALDWIN. Sec'y. Treas. C. C. F. A.

"There can be no doubt as to the opinion of Major Mc-Kinley on the money question. He is committed in every form, every speech and otherwise to the Republican policy of maintaining the present gold coin of the United States as the standard of value."

-From John Sherman's Letter.